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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 8130

FROM AMBASSADOR GOHEEN TO ASST. SECY HATHAWAY

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAGR, IN  
SUBJ: PEANUT OIL

1. DURING MY CALL ON THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE YESTERDAY, HE TALKED AT SOME LENGTH ON THE EFFORTS THE NEW GOVERNMENT WAS MAKING TO HOLD DOWN THE PRICE OF CONSUMER GOODS FOR THE POORER SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY. HE PUT IN IN TERMS THAT THE ELECTIONS AND THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAD RESTROED DEMOCRACY TO INDIA AND THEY NOW FELT IT WAS FOR THE NEW GOVERNMENT TO SHOW THAT DEMOCRACY WORKS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE POOR.

2. IN THIS CONTEXT THE MINISTER SAID THAT INDIA WAS EXPERIENCING A SHORTAGE OF PEANUT OIL. PEANUT OIL IS AN INDISPENSIBLE PART OF VANASPATI, THE HYDORGENATED VEGETABLE OIL USED FOR COOKING THROUGHOUT INDIA. THE RESULT OF THE RESULTING SHARP INCRASES IN PRICES, THEREFORE, WAS HARDEST ON POOR. THE GOI WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE 100,000 TONS OF PEANUT OIL FROM THE U.S. THEY WERE PREPARED TO BUY IT ON COMMERCIAL TERMS AS LONG AS THE PRICE WAS NOT COMPLETELY PROHIBITIVE.

3. MY STAFF TELLS ME THAT THE MARKET AT HOME IS VERY TIGHT AND THAT PEANUT OIL IS AVAILABLE ONLY IF RELEASED FROM CCC STOCKS. IN APRIL BEFORE MY ARRIVAL, IN INQUIRY WAS MADE (SEE FASTO NEW CONFIDENTIAL

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DELHI 5787) BUT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE.

4. THIS IS THE FIRST REQUEST I HAVE HAD FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND WOULD LIKE TO BE RESPONSIVE IF IT IS COMMENSURATE WITH OUR OWN POLICY AND THE AVAILABILITY OF STOCKS.

5. YOUR COMMENTS WILL BE MOST HELPFUL TO ME IN REPLYING TO THE

MINISTER. SOHEEN

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